Bulletin #2015-005 29 – December - 2015

Subject:
Miscellaneous Changes

Overview:
Effective 1/1/2016, the following rule changes will go into effect.

1. Replace Article 2.1.A.1 with the following:

   1. All drivers and co-drivers must be a minimum of 18 ~~16~~ years old before the start of competition.

   Rationale: This rule change is being made to reduce Rally America's liability exposure.

2. Replace Article 7.4.J with the following.

   J. Average Speed

      1. Any stage which is not a track designed for automobile racing on which both the fastest G2 and fastest Open Light cars exceed an average speed of 70 MPH will not be scored on any subsequent running of the same stage road, unless modifications are made to the stage in order to reduce the average spend.

         ~~On any stage which is not a track designed for automobile racing, a competitor who exceeds an average speed of 80 MPH will be scored with a time equivalent to an 80 MPH average, rounded up to a whole second.~~

      ~~2. All other competitors will be scored normally.~~

      ~~3. Any stage which is not an automobile racing track where an 80 MPH average has been exceeded will not be used in succeeding years unless significant changes have been made in order to reduce the average speed below 80 MPH.~~

      2. The distance to be used for calculating the average speed shall

be from the start line to the flying finish of the stage.

Rationale: This rule change is being made to give a better indication of the suitability of the stage road for the majority of competitors.

3. Add the following section to Article 8.2.A.

   x. Five minutes for changing the engine in a competition vehicle driven by a driver in the Seeded Draw between the first MTC at the start of the rally and the final MTC at the end.

   Rationale: This rule change is the penalty for the engine change rule introduced below.

4. Replace Article 10.2.A.6.i with the following.

   i. Engine Change: Vehicles driven by a driver in the Seeded Draw will be limited to one engine per event. For the purpose of this section, the event starts at the first MTC of the rally and ends with its final MTC.

      Vehicles subject to this section must have provisions for wire seals on the engine's valve cover, for the purpose of engine sealing.

   Rationale: This rule change is being made to reduce the competitive advantage that well-funded teams get from being able to recover from a serious engine failure without penalty.

5. Update the model years in Articles 10.2.B.1.a, 10.2.B.5.b, 10.2.B.14.b.i and 10.2.B.23.b for 2016, except where the vehicle is not available in the 2016 model year.

   Rationale: These rule changes simply bring the model references year up-to-date.

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